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SHEFFIELD'S 2012 ELECTION & TOWN MEETING

Sheffield's annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 7, gives residents a chance to participate directly in democracy. Only registered voters can vote at the meeting, but all are welcome to experience this time-honored New England tradition. The meeting will take place at the auditorium at Mt. Everett Regional High School at 7pm.

In the Town Election to be held on May 14, there is one contested race on the ballot. Betty LeGeyt, the incumbent, and Frances E. Roth are vying for one open seat as Library Trustee.

Every year, one of the three positions on Sheffield's Board of Selectmen is up for election. This year, it's the seat now held by Rene Wood, who is running unopposed.

Other positions to be voted on are Town Moderator, where Bruce Person is again running unopposed. Two positions on the Planning Board are on the ballot, and two candidates are running: Peter Cherneff, who has been on the board for one term, and Maria Nation, who was recently appointed to fill out the term of Christopher Tomich, who resigned.

Profiles and pictures of the candidates, written and compiled by the Sheffield Times as a public service, are on pages 6 and 7.

Warrant highlights

Much of this year's warrant covers familiar ground. Every year, funds must be appropriated to meet Town needs for the coming fiscal year (Articles 1 and 2). The request for Fiscal Year 2013, which begins July 1, would increase the overall

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the Constables of the Town of Sheffield in said County of Berkshire,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sheffield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the auditorium of the Mount Everett Regional High School on Berkshire School Road in Sheffield on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, such sums of money as listed below, and as may be amended, necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2013, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator	$ 214	Police Department	$435,398	American Legion	$ 500
Selectmen's Office	$156,552	Fire Department	$ 44,749	Care of Soldiers' Graves	$ 1,400
Board of Assessors	$ 96,720	Inspectional Services	$ 60,500	Ashley Falls Historic Dist. Comm.	$ 50
Treasurer/Collector	$153,891	Fire Hydrants	$ 18,091	Agricultural Commission	$ 250
Town Clerk	$ 55,487	Animal Control	$ 8,700	Interest on Loans	$ 1
Elections & Registration	$ 21,300	Highway Department	$581,354	Berkshire County Retirement	$177,082
Conservation Commission	$ 7,093	Streetlights	$ 11,000	Worker's Compensation	$ 18,500
Planning Board	$ 11,354	Board of Health	$ 14,551	Unemployment Comp. Fund	$ 1
Economic Development Comm.	$ 0	Visiting Nurse Association	$ 4,200	Group Health (32B) Insurance	$336,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	$ 2,035	Council on Aging	$ 42,263	Employer Medicare	$ 21,000
Town Buildings & Grounds	$127,425	Veterans Benefits	$ 27,000	Financial Audit	$ 12,000
Town Report & Communications	$ 6,500	Library	$159,665	Insurance & Bonding	$ 69,000
Legal Services	$ 25,000	Historical Commission	$ 0		
Dispatch Services	$ 8,307	Memorial Day	$ 750		

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operating budget by 1.7 percent.

Most amounts requested for town departments and expenses are equal or within a few hundred or thousand of what they were in FY 2012. The amount budgeted for Inspectional Services is up by some $15,000 to pay for updates to recently purchased permitting software. The amount for Legal Services has increased by $13,500 because the new town counsel charges hourly instead of by yearly retainer.

The Town's Finance Committee (David Steindler, Chair; Colin Smith, Vice Chair; John James; Judith Schnurr; Dave Macy) has reviewed the warrant and recommends approval of almost all the articles. It deferred to the Planning Board on Articles 27 and 29, which relate to zoning, and made no recommendation on Article 30. If all the articles pass, the committee estimates that the tax rate will be $13.13 per thousand of assessed valuation, compared with $12.84 for FY 2012. Of that amount, $9.22 would go to the school, $3.82 to town costs and 9 cents to state and other costs.

School-related articles

Sheffield pays about 50 percent of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District's operating and capital budgets, per the agreement among the five towns in the district—Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield. Article 3 would let the district collect the towns' shares in February instead of March, avoiding the need for short-term borrowing.

The school's operating budget for FY13 is up 1.3 percent from the previous year, increasing Sheffield's share—$5,888,727—by some $76,000. Sheffield's share of the school's capital budget is $223,632, up from the minimal amount requested in last year's budget, when the district had hoped to use bond money for capital improvements (Article 5). Money is also being asked to pay for vocational education tuition ($60,000; Article 6).

Town improvements and equipment

The town is asking for $12,000 to buy a York rake and mower for the Highway Dept. (Article 15) and another $10,000 to rent equipment for that department (Article 19). The Town is also looking to establish "stabilization funds"—in essence, savings accounts—to purchase expensive equipment like a highway department truck and a fire truck in the future (Articles 24 and 25).

Several articles appropriate money for repairs and upkeep: $50,000 to paint the exterior of Town Hall (Article 17); $29,000 to replace guardrails (Article 21); $21,700 for replacing carpets and a door at the Library (Article 22); and $50,000 for general repairs to town buildings (Article 23).

The warrant includes $8,000 for technology items (computers, software and such; Article 20) and $73,000 for the Town's Reserve Fund, which is held for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures (Article 13).

Article 26 sets up revolving funds for the plumbing, gas, electrical and fire safety inspectors and the Board of Health—agencies that, because they collect fees, can be self-supporting.

Other changes

Article 27 refers to the long-awaited revision of the Town's sign by-law, on which the Planning Board's By-law Review Committee has been working for months. The full text, three times the length of the current by-law, is available from Town Hall. With extensive definitions and specifics, the new by-law clarifies what's allowed where and includes a new definition of how distance from the ground is measured.

Article 28 would allow residents to purchase electricity from a supplier that would lock in the price for a set number of years (National Grid would still be the distributor and repair service).

Articles by petition

In addition to articles prepared by the town government, articles can also be added by petition. This year, there are two. Article 29 concerns nonconforming structures, and Article 30 puts Sheffield on record as supporting a constitutional amendment banning corporations from spending money on politics.

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ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the following elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2013, as required by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws; Moderator, $214 Selectmen, Chairman $2,311; Selectmen, two members at $1,999 each, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the first Restatement of the Regional Agreement of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District as follows: To amend Article IV, subparagraph "h" of the first Restatement of the Regional Agreement to read in its entirety as follows:

h. Each Member Town shall make payment for its respective share of the District's estimated annual operating and transportation costs upon certification by the district treasurer as specified in section 8(b) below, such payment to be made by the respective town treasurer in four equal installments on the fifteenth day of August, November, February and May, by check payable to the District.

In all other respects the first Restatement of the Regional Agreement of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Operating and Transportation Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and vote to raise and appropriate $5,888,727 to pay the Town's assessed share of that budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and vote to raise and appropriate $223,632 to pay the Town's assessed share of that budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $60,000 to pay for vocational education tuition in Fiscal Year 2013, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the disposal and management of solid waste, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of members of the Board of Selectmen to any office or position under their supervision at no additional compensation in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 268A, Section 21A of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to employ any of its members as Title 5 and Perc Test Witnesses for Septic System Inspections, Sanitation Inspections, and Public Health Nurse Services for Fiscal Year 2013 at rates and salaries to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize theTreasurer/Collector to sell, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, any parcel or parcels of real estate which have been or may be acquired through the foreclosure of tax title, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $26,053 to pay principal and interest on the bonded indebtedness authorized by Town Meeting vote of January 30, 1995, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, $73,000 to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6 of the General Laws, known as the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $750 to the Emergency Response Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $12,000 to purchase a York rake and a mower for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $25,000 to compensate firefighters for training, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $50,000 for Town Hall exterior painting, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and

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appropriate or transfer from available funds $10,000 for Tax Recertification, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $10,000 to rent equipment for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $8,000 to purchase up to date information technology hardware, software, and services, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $29,000 for guard-rail replacements, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $21,700 to replace carpets and a door at the Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $50,000 for Town building repairs, improvements, and furnishing to include but not be limited to the Town Hall, Library, and Police Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway Truck Stabilization Fund and to transfer $50,000 from available funds into such Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds $100,000 into the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sums for each fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for said fund:

Plumbing Inspector	$10,000
Gas Inspector	$10,000
Electrical Inspector	$10,000
Fire Safety Inspector	$10,000
Board of Health	$15,000

, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6.2 of the Zoning By-laws, as proposed by the Planning Board, all as set forth in the document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.164, §134(a), to authorize the Board of Selectmen to initiate the process to aggregate the electric load of interested electricity consumers within the Town of Sheffield and enter into agreements for services to facilitate the sale and purchase of electric energy and other related services, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

Strike in their entirety Section 5.3 Variance Required and 5.4 Nonconforming Single and Two-Family Residential Structures and replace with new Sections 5.3 and 5.4 as follows:

Section 5.3 Variance Required
Subject to Section 5.4, the alteration, reconstruction, extension, or structural change of a nonconforming structure, if and to the extent the same increases the nonconforming nature of such structure, creates a new nonconformity and may be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood, shall require the issuance of a variance by the Zoning Board of Appeals instead of a Special Permit pursuant to Section 5.2

Section 5.4 Nonconforming Single and Two-Family Residential Dwellings
No Special Permit shall be required if alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change does not increase the nonconformity of the structure or creates a new nonconformity. A nonconforming single or two family residential structure may be altered, reconstructed, extended, structurally changed and may increase the nonconformity or create a new nonconformity by issuance of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall determine that said project would not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood. Upon such finding, the granting of the Special Permit shall void the requirement for issuance of a variance.

ARTICLE 30: (By Petition) The First Amendment of the Constitution was designed to protect the free-speech rights of individuals ("natural persons") not corporations. Recent United States Supreme Court decisions have opened the door for corporations to make unlimited expenditures for advocacy in favor or against political candidates and issues. Many see this development as not only a further erosion of the influences of individuals in the political process, also as

– in essence – a corporate takeover of the First Amendment.

This ruling in Citizens United v. FEC, has already unleashed a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in the history of this great nation; therefore, this ruling represents a serious and direct threat to our democracy "Of the people, by the people and for the people." The people of the United States have used the constitutional amendment process to correct harmful decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self government. It is for this reason that we present the following resolution to the voters of Sheffield. Be it resolved that the voters of Sheffield, Massachusetts, call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the States for ratification, a Constitutional Amendment banning corporations, limited liability corporations and any other corporate entities from all and any expenditure of funds for political speech and elections, or if not, to at least regulate such with punitive assurances.

You are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sheffield, qualified to vote in Town elections, to meet in the Senior Center on 25 Cook Road in Sheffield on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 AM then and there to bring in their votes for the election of the following Town officers:

One Moderator for one year
One Library Trustee for three years
One Selectmen for three years
Two Planning Board members for three years

All of said officers to be voted for on the official ballots furnished at the polls. The polls will be opened at 7:00 AM and closed at 7:00 PM.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in seven public places in the Town, not less than seven days before the date of said meeting.

Hereof Fail not, and make return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands and the Seal of the Town of Sheffield this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Rene C. Wood *Julie M. Hannum* *David A. Smith, Jr.*

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PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Term: Three years
Seats open: One

Rene Wood

Rene Wood is seeking a second term on the Board of Selectmen and is running unopposed. Previously, she served six years on the Planning Board, four as chairman.

A Sheffield resident since 1997, Rene is a member of Kiwanis and volunteers at the Sheffield Historical Society, Christ Church Episcopal/Trinity Lutheran Church and the Sheffield Land Trust. She is married to Dennis Sears. She enjoys gardening, traveling, being in the kitchen and spending time with family and friends. Her work experience includes teacher, consultant and more than 20 years in information technology sales, marketing and management.

Rene is currently the Board's representative on the Board of Health; alternate delegate to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) and chair of its commission development committee; a member of the policy committee on energy and environment of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA); and the Town's delegate to the Massachusetts Broadband Initiative and Wired West.

For the past year, Rene has served as chair of the Board of Selectmen. In that position, she has led the Board in continuing to request more state funding for the Town, chiefly for education and road improvements. The Board has also fought to retain existing Town rights, such as local control of permitting for wind turbines and other green energy projects and, most recently, local tax assessments on these same projects. The Board has been successful in expanding Time Warner Cable service and is active in Massachusetts' broadband initiative and GE's cleanup of the Housatonic River.

Rene considers the Town's finances to be well managed. The School budget proposed this year is basically level-funded except for a needed increase in the capital budget. The Town's school assessment reflects continued decreases in state aid and changes in the school funding formula, both of which are outside the Town's immediate control. The Town itself has worked to control expenses. She still hopes residents will get to vote on school consolidation and is pleased to see this issue hasn't been dropped.

When issues have arisen with residents, Rene tries to work them through with the Board and any affected town department, noting that sometimes it isn't possible to have everyone satisfied and emotions can run high. This is one of the hardest parts of being a Selectman, she says.

"Being a selectman is an interesting and important job," she says. "It requires working with a lot of people—the Town Administrator, Town employees, both paid and volunteer, the School Committee, nearby Towns' selectmen and Sheffield's elected state and Congressional representatives. It's also important to work with organizations such as BRPC and MMA that can help Sheffield."

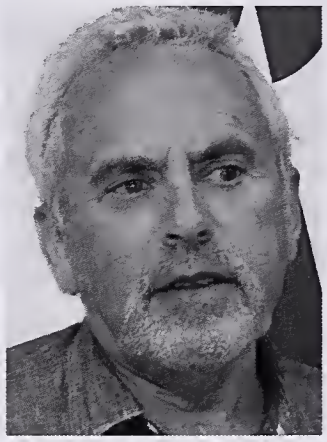
In coming years, Rene would like to continue her focus on creating a more inclusive and open town government; encouraging targeted economic development and making Sheffield more affordable to all generations; and prudent fiscal management. She is interested in addressing infrastructure issues, the possibility of more shared or automated services and expanding Senior Center usage.

PLANNING BOARD
Term: Three years
Seats open: One

Peter Cherneff

Peter Cherneff is running unopposed for his second term as a member of the Planning Board.

A graduate of Columbia College and Columbia University Law School, Peter is a practicing attorney and member of the firm of Watkins & Cherneff in White Plains, NY. For the last 30 years, his practice has focused on real estate, planning, development, zoning, environmental and land-use issues. Much of his work has been with planning boards in towns throughout the Northeast and across the country. His career has given him a broad range of experience, having served in the U.S. Navy as a Military Judge and Counsel and worked in a large New York law firm as a commercial litigator as well as establishing and managing a 40-person firm in Westchester County.



Peter's wife, Hester Velmans, is an author and a translator of novels from Dutch and French to English. Both

TOWN MODERATOR
Term: One year
Seats open: One

Bruce Person

Bruce Person has served as Sheffield's Town Moderator for the last 23 years and is running unopposed.

Born in Meriden, CT, Bruce graduated from the University of Connecticut at Storrs in 1965 and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1969. He came to Sheffield in 1971 after serving in the Air Force for two years and has lived here ever since. He practiced dentistry in Great Barrington for 33 years and is now retired. Bruce served as chairman of the Berkshire District Dental Society. He has two adult sons and four grandchildren.

In addition to serving as Moderator, Bruce is also Town Constable, a former chairman of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee and trustee of Berkshire School. He was also very involved with the Great Barrington Rotary Club, receiving the Paul Harris Fellow award, and was a founder and long-time chairman of its Student Assistance Fund.

Bruce looks forward to the Town's Annual Meeting. He attempts to moderate it in a non-confrontational way, respecting all opinions. "It is my aim," he said, "that everyone goes home friends."

Peter's and Hester's families have lived in Sheffield for over 30 years; Peter and Hester were one of the first couples to be married by the then-Justice of the Peace Natalie Funk in Town Hall. The couple has two children, Anya, 28, a co-founder of Empower Generation, which supplies renewable energy to remote villages in Nepal, and Nick, 26, who lives in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and works as a screenwriter and college entrance-exam instructor.

Peter has extensive experience as a member of both local committees and charitable groups. He served as a member of Sheffield's Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee and its Housing subcommittee. He is a former member of the board of directors of Gould Farm and the Sheffield Land Trust. He presently serves as a member of the board of directors of Construct, Inc., a South County organization working to provide housing and shelter to those in need. He also currently serves on the boards of several other charitable organizations headquartered in New York.

When asked his reason for running for the Planning Board seat, Peter said, "I believe in giving back to the community in which I live as best I can. It would be an honor and a privilege if I can help to keep Sheffield a good place to live for all of my neighbors."

Maria Nation

Maria Nation is running unopposed for her first term as a member of the Planning Board.

Maria has been a homeowner and full-time resident of Ashley Falls since 1996. She is a screenwriter of scores of movies for television, including mini-series (*Salem Witch Trials, The Road Taken*, etc.), adaptations (*Blue Moon, Blue River, Wuthering Heights*, etc.), biography pictures (*Love Sick, Ice Bound*) and true crime (*The Two Mr. Kissels*). She is currently at work on a miniseries about the life of Grace Kelly. She is on the Advisory Board for the Berkshire International Film Festival. Until recently, she was a trustee for the Berkshire Botanical Garden and is ex-vice president of New York Women in Film.

Her partner is Roberto Flores, a farmer who grows organic vegetables and fruits on their eight-acre farm. A lover of animals, a serious cook, and an avid gardener, Maria cares deeply about the health of the land, the health of our bodies and the health of our community—and believes there is an interconnectedness between these things.

She is running for the Planning Board because she feels serving the community in any way is an obligation of all who are lucky enough to call Sheffield home.

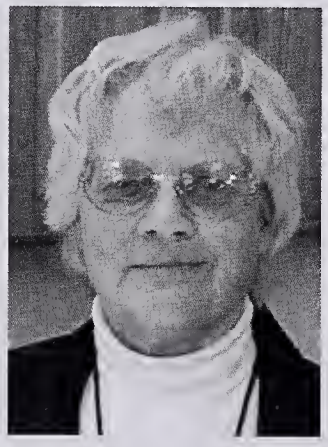
Sheffield's Annual Town Meeting Mon., May 7, 7pm
Mt. Everett Regional High School

Town Election
Mon., May 14, 9am to 7pm
Sheffield Senior Center

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
Term: Three years
Seats open: One

Betty LeGeyt

Betty LeGeyt is a candidate for re-election to the Board of Library Trustees, where she has served for 18 years.



Betty grew up in Lynn, MA, and attended Boston University. She moved to Sheffield in 1963 to be the minister at the Sheffield and Ashley Falls Methodist churches. She retired from her work there in 2011. Betty has four grown children and eight grandchildren and lives with her husband, Dick, on their dairy farm on LeGeyt Rd.

Betty is very pleased with the new dimensions that have been added to the library during Nancy Hahn's tenure. She currently is serving on the Library's Long Range Planning Committee, a process she strongly supports. Betty feels that the current Trustees work well together and are in a good position to make the Library's continued growth a reality.

Frances E. Roth

Frances E. Roth is a candidate for election to the Board of Library Trustees.

Frances moved to Sheffield from Northport on Long Island in 2010. She has been delighted to be living here, where she already had good friends. She loves the area, particularly its peace and quiet. When she moved here she retired from a position with Nikon, where she managed content for its website and helped create an iPhone application for the company.

Francis says that the first thing she did after moving to Sheffield was to get a Library card. She has been active in Library affairs, helping to organize last year's Local Authors Day, cleaning up the Library's database and helping produce fliers for the event. A published poet, she helped to organize the Library's ongoing poetry read-arounds, and she joined the knitting group that meets at the Library.

Francis is passionate about the importance of libraries to small communities like Sheffield. Because she believes it is important for the Library to plan for its future, she is serving on its Long Range Planning Committee. Things she would like to see the Library expand on: programs for teenagers, educational materials, eBooks and audio books. She hopes people know that they can do business with the Library on line. "It's not necessary to come to the library to get a book!"

Given her love for browsing in libraries, she notes that her main concern is to discipline herself. "I have six books I'm trying to read!"

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